

**TOWN OF SOMERS
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Bemont, Francis Boudreau, James Burgess, Dorothy Bynack, Phyliss Gwilliam, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachetti.

AUDIENCE: David Gwilliam and David Pinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes of January 10, 2012 with a motion by Ailene Henry and a second by Phyliss Gwilliam.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - *Valentines party was held for all seniors and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Attendance was very good. *Amy announced that the newsletter went out this week and will, hopefully, be going out once a month in the future. * There is a form in the newsletter asking for volunteers for various projects of interest to the seniors. *Future newsletters should contain a calendar of upcoming activities for the month as well as the lunch menu for the Wednesday lunches. *Possibility exists of a senior discount card being created giving the seniors a discount at local businesses. This is still in the planning stage.

Meals on Wheels - No report this month..

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is still in Florida.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS:

Amy will check with the Selectman's Office to check the status of Dorothy Bynack's appointment letter and the status of any other openings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Woodcrest Problems – Francis Boudreau mentioned a septic problem at a Board meeting held on October 11, 2011. As of this date, there seems to be no satisfactory action being taken regarding this problem. Stench is terrible. David Pinney said problem should be presented to the Housing Authority for their action. He was going to check to see if this was on their list of items requiring action. Fran will do whatever is necessary to get this problem solved.

Fran also questioned the status of generators required at the Woodcrest housing facility. David Pinney said the generators for 63 Battle Street are out to bid, 71 Battle Street is under review and 75 Battle Street, a new building, should have them installed as well. All problems at Woodcrest should be presented to the Manager's office where a work order can be established and subsequently followed. Smaller problems can be handled by the on-site resident coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heart Healthy Breakfast – This is available on the first and third Thursdays of each month and is open to all seniors. Ailene Henry will present a brief program on strokes at this week's breakfast.

Somers Resource Guide Update – Plans are in place to bring this guide up to date. Several people are reviewing various sections to be sure information is correct.

Developing Programs – New programs in place include a weekly bus trip to Geisslers, a Friday trip to the Christmas Tree Shop, possible computer classes, etc. Interest from a girl scout includes doing a patio garden as well as taking on the flooring replacement in the senior center as a special project.

Soliciting and Coordinating Volunteers – It was felt that volunteers are so important in making any program work. We need to think of ways of getting some younger seniors involved to perhaps volunteer for some special programs. There will be a meeting on Monday, February 27 at 9:00 to look for ideas as to what can be done to improve the services provided at the senior center.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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